

TILLER TOPICS



Vernon Yacht Club



Vernon Yacht Club's 2018 AGM, October 30th!

VYC's AGM is where the main decisions are voted on for the year ahead and it's also an opportunity for members to take on a role on the board or in committees. Regular Members and Lifetime Members have a vote at the meeting and it is essential that voting members do their best to attend so we have our minimum number of voting members (quorum) to proceed with the meeting.

One of the board openings for the upcoming year is my position of Publicity Director. We're also looking for an editor for this Tiller Topics publication, a role that can fall under the publicity board position or be a separate volunteer position.

During my 6 years on the board I've had the pleasure of working with many skilled and hard working people whose sole interest was improving our club with the best efforts they could offer. I really appreciate all the incredible work that goes into running our club and the people who generously offer their time to do so. I've really enjoyed working with everyone! Thank you for the opportunity,

Pamela Miller
Tiller Topics Editor

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Kudos to Pat Higgins!



Pat stepped in as our Executive Secretary on the board earlier this year and has organized our meetings, records and policies with great clarity and exceptional skill.

There are many positions and roles on a board and all of those run better with someone keeping track, creating and implementing policies and procedures, and following up with all the documents needed to run the board activities.

Really well done, thank you!

**Vernon Yacht Club Executive Board (2018/2019 board members change Oct 30th
see vernonyachtclub.com/contact-us/club-officers/ for current list)**

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Tiller Topics Publication

The Tiller Topics deadline for the November/December edition is October 15, 2018!

Send reports, articles, and member classified ads to: tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

The Tiller Topics reaches over 450 Vernon Yacht Club members as well as guests to our club. Advertising rates before GST are \$40 for 1/4 page ad, \$60 for 1/3 page ad, and \$80 for a 1/2 page ad. For paid ads in the Tiller Topics please email office@vernonyachtclub.com and request an advertising form or visit the office during office hours Tuesday—Saturday 9am—3pm.

Vernon Yacht Club Managers

Name	Staff position	Email
Jay Langton	Bar Manager	gangplank@vernonyachtclub.com
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Deb McPherson	Office Manager	office@vernonyachtclub.com
Ken Smith	Maintenance Manager	maintenance@vernonyachtclub.com



Gerald Gustafson
VYC Commodore

News from our Commodore

Wow what a heat wave we have had this August, I hope everyone has been out on the water trying to keep cool.

I would like to thank all our volunteers for helping out at our Invasion, and our Rib-Off! Both events were successful thanks to you!

Our annual Pig Roast is September 8th, if you plan to attend you better get your tickets early as they sell out fast.

I would like to remind everyone that our AGM is October 30th at 7:00pm please plan to attend. The agenda will be sent out to all Regular members and Lifetime members.

Our Yacht Club bucks expire Oct. 31st so if you have any left please use them.

Safe boating everyone for the rest of the season,

Gerald Gustafson

Commodore VYC

*Keeping cool between
the Jack & Jill Races*





Pamela Miller
Publicity Director

I've learned a lot by being part of the VYC board and know so much more about this great club of ours. When I mention to clubs down the lake that I'm from VYC, the responses from others are always very positive and many people wish they could live closer to be members at our club.

Being on the board I see first-hand how many hours our members put in to run this club from the Friday night volunteers to the 35 people on the security team to our incredible webmaster and those decorating for each event to running Ladies Nights and those who dive to maintain our buoys and the 100 volunteers who show up every year to put on our Boat Shows and the people involved in the Captains Care Club and the ones on various committees and those who come for clean-up and crane days or make delicious desserts and the list goes on...

As a sailboat racer I also see the volunteer sailors who run 10 regattas a year on Okanagan Lake as well as the Women's racing series and National events such as the Mobility Cup, Women's Nationals and the International Melges 24 races held in Kelowna 2 years ago. Many of these events also raise funds for causes and for youth and mobility sailing programs. Not too long ago, VYC's Okanagan Charity Regatta (OCR) was the single largest fundraiser for the local United Way. VYC's OCR regatta raised around \$300,000. during the years it was running.

I'm sure I've only scratched the surface and have yet to learn of many other volunteers and what they've contributed to build this club and give back to our community. VYC wouldn't be what it is today without the people who gave their time over the past 67 years!

I'm very grateful for all of you, it was an honour to serve on the board, and I've thoroughly enjoyed working with you!

Thank you,
~ Pamela

Important Notice to all Members

If you access the clubhouse with your key card and you are confronted with **the alarm sounding while you are inside**, please follow this procedure:

Re-swipe your card at either entrance, then, call the security company and identify yourself and have them cancel the alarm. The phone number is posted at both entrances.

If you fail to do this, the Club can be billed up to \$150. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.





Scott Chapman
Membership Director

Membership Director's Report

Welcome to these newest Vernon Yacht Club members!

Regular Members

Denise and Joseph Girdner

Dan and Jessica Nicholson

Social Members

Bruce and Marcia Beley

~ Scott Chapman



For information on membership you can reach me at: membership@vernonyachtclub.com or to learn more visit our membership page on the VYC website at: vernonyachtclub.com/membership/

Photo of sailors at Peter Hirschmiller's place at "Canadian Lakeview Estates" after the VYC August 6th Jack & Jill Race! Thank you for the hospitality Peter!





Jay Langton

VYC Bar Manager

Gangplank News by Jay Langton

Man where did cough* Summer *cough go? We are just gearing up for the last shindig of the summer, the sold out Pig Roast Sep 8. After that, the fall series of Ladies' Night begins Thurs Sep 20. October has the Farewell to Snowbirds D+D and a few sailor events culminating with their windup Nov 3, also crane day. Three weeks after that, Xmas parties start. Yes we hear that collective groan. Also watch for our winter hours and slimmed down menu options after Thanksgiving.

The staff at VYC have been spoiled by Scott Chapman in June and the Remenda's in September with a couple of team building motivational seminars, also known as a Par-Tay. Corinne would like to get to the heart of what makes VYC such a successful Yacht Club with the following:

A huge Thank You! to all of the volunteers and executive who give their time to help out. We have had many good laughs and moments with the membership that make this club so great. I would like to say we have the greatest staff anybody could hope for. I am so proud of our team because we work so well together (on a shoe-string) with fantastic work ethics. The caring, consideration and thoughtfulness of each member goes way beyond what is expected, especially when "life" gets in the way. An extra special thank you to Mary Jean Watson for the countless hours she has stepped in to volunteer, an integral part of our team going beyond the work environment.

Thank you for that Corinne, your bonus check is in the mail. Coincidentally, I believe MJ is a MOTY (I love making you all Sudoku the acronyms) alumni.

To expand on Corinne's sincerity, members that don't have time to physically assist, do so through contributions such as Cory Taylor's Mum's hot sauce, or throw money/donations at the Captain's Care Club like the Rib-off auction.

This edition's Tiller Topics Trooper, Jim Dillabough, has put in a lot of time keeping our F+B coolers/freezers maintained and finally getting into the upgrade cycle, at considerable savings to VYC. Jim is but one of five different members with refrigeration expertise. We are sooo cool! So if anyone needs a reference to support fellow members in their professional capacity, or hot sauce, just ask.

That's all for now, three cheers for the best club going!

The Gang at the Gangplank



Gang Plank Bar Hours:

Monday — Closed

Tuesday: 4:00pm – 9:00 pm (Closed Tuesday during Winter)

Wednesday: 4:00pm – 10:00 pm (until 8:00 pm Winter Hours)

Thursday: 4:00pm – 10:00 pm (until 8:00 pm Winter Hours)

Friday: 4:00pm – 11:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00pm – 10:00pm (until 8:00 pm Winter Hours)

Sunday: 10:00am – 8:00pm (until 6:00 pm Winter Hours)

Food Service Subject to change for winter hours

Contacts for Food and
Event Services:

Bar Manager: Jay Langton

gangplank@vernonyachtclub.com

Kitchen: Corinne Kirton

kitchen@vernonyachtclub.com

FOOD SERVICE

(subject to change)

Tuesday	Taco Tuesday	5:00 - 8:00
Wednesday	Bbq Burger Night	5:00 - 8:00
Thursday	Family Menu	5:00 - 8:00
Friday	Steak, Salmon or Stuffed Chicken	6:00 – 9:00
Saturday	Soup, Sandwich and Family Menu	12:00 - 8:00
Sunday	Sunday Brunch	10:00 - 1:00

Message from our Sailing Fleet Chair

So we are already half way thru the sail racing season... the winds have been much lighter this season but as they say “anybody can sail in wind”! It has made for some very challenging and loooong races. Stormy is once again taking up the lead this season in the B fleet races. Meanwhile in A fleet Mystique, Ayesha and Captivator are still battling it out for first place.

But for those less interested in racing and more interested in socializing the sailing group organizes a sailing social twice a year that is open to all sailors in the yacht club. On BC day Ken and Doris Hodgson organized a day sail around the lake and up the north arm to Peter Hirschmiller’s home on the lake. They had us chasing balloons around the racing marks, sailing once again in light winds and dinghying ashore to Peters for burgers and a beer. 16 boats and 40 sailors invaded Peters beautiful home for the afternoon (photo page 5). We greatly appreciate Peter hosting this event once again this year. Thank you Ken, Doris and Peter for a great day!

Happy Sailing,
Keith Danielson
2018 Sailing Fleet Chair
[sail-
ingfleet@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:ingfleet@vernonyachtclub.com)



Weekly Racing

*Vernon Yacht Club's
weekly Races are on
Sundays from August
26th—October 28th!*

Vernon Yacht Club Sailing

“ Sixteen boats attended the Annual Jack and Jill Social on August 6th. On a beautiful (and hot) summer’s day, we sailed out of VYC with a final destination of Peter’s place. We had enough wind to make it to Adventure Bay easily but then we sat in a hole for awhile. When the heat got too much to handle, some boats started their motors for the final leg while others toughed it out. Mystique was the first boat to arrive under sail but Kokomo was the winner of the event having brought up the rear. Finding spots for all of the boats to moor was a little challenging but skippers who had already arrived shouted out orders from the dock (while holding their favourite beverage in their hands) and Maureen Soichuk directed from her kayak on the water (and you thought she could only play the bagpipes).

Once we had all settled and made it ashore, Chris Grotterod cooked up burgers to a perfection which we enjoyed with a potluck dinner of salads and desserts. Thanks to Ken and Doris Hodgson for arranging this event and special thank you to Peter Hirschmiller for hosting.“

~ Carol Craske



Valley Wide Sailing News

Want to learn to sail?

You can ask to join a boat in the VYC, KYC or SYC Sailing Fleets as a crew member at weekly races, take lessons at the [Kelowna Yacht Club](#), learn to sail on dinghies at the [North Okanagan Sailing Association](#), [Central Okanagan Sailing Association](#), [South Okanagan Sailing Association](#) (many of the best sailors started on dinghies) or take [BC Sailing courses](#).

For Okanagan Sailing news visit (or like) the [Okanagan Sailing Facebook Page](#) or join the [Okanagan Sailing Facebook Group Page](#). The [Okanagan Sail Week](#) website will soon merge with an Okanagan Sailing website with valley wide results and news.

Ogopogo Bathtub Races August 18th at Summerland Yacht Club!

Photos of the 2018 Ogopogo Bathtub Race in Summerland that happened August 18th weekend put on by the Summerland Yacht club as a Fund raiser for the Penticton Regional Hospital Tower Project, specifically the South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation.

Great Estates, Skipper Jason Schafer took first-place in A-Class and Okanagan Restorations' Geoff Link on "Water Escape" came in second this year and it was our second year to race. It was very smoky, windy and choppy for all the races and a lot of boats ran into trouble. I want to thank Bob Montguire and his crew for coming down with the Safety Boat, they were kept very busy and did a fantastic job of rescuing sinking Bathboats and keeping everyone Safe.

Terry Moorhouse

Photos courtesy of Penticton Western News (Mark Brett) and Terry Moorehouse

[Full results and online photos here](#)



15th Annual VYC Rib-Off August 4th



Another Successful Rib Off!

We would like to extend a **Special Thank You** to the following people for all their help:

Bob & Katie Montguire for their delicious homemade baked beans

Our Volunteers - Vivian Smith, Sandy Shearer, Jane Heggs & Gail Vermeulen

Our Kitchen & Bar Staff, Jay, Chanel, Corinne, M.J. and Tyler

Master of Ceremonies: Rob Mathews

Decorations: Susan Mathews & Annie Gustafson

Photographer: Gerald Gustafson

Our Contestants this year were Scott Chapman & Doug Kugyelka, Scott Shearer & Jerry Heggs

Murray Robertson, Sean Hannigan & Rachael Runge and Deb MacPherson & Randi Pattermann

Our very own Office Manager, Deb MacPherson was this year's Master Chef along with her great assistant, Randi. Scott Shearer are you running again next year?

By Ken Smith



Thank you to the following for their Generous Donations For Silent Auction toward VYC's Captain Care Club! Please support these businesses:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Item Donated</i>
Rob & Susan Mathews -	Sigma Gift Basket
Rick Reichelt	Don Cherry Gift Card
Debbra Butler	Painting "Today's Children - Tomorrows Future"
Dale Henry	Browns Social House Gift Card
Debbra Butler	Picture - Spinnaker Boats
Dale Henry	Horse Painting
Fisher's Hardware	Impact Driver Accessory Kit
Okanagan Springs	Cool Bar
Rick Reichelt	Bourbon Street Bar & Grill Gift Card
Italian Kitchen	Gift Certificate
Debbra Butler	Painting - Patricia Neil Lawton
Helene Giroux	Painting - Rock Bridge by Lola Rogers
Hagemann Jewellers	Men's Seiko Watch
Cory Taylor	Mum's Okanagan Hot Sauce
Heather & Dean Clarke - Venture Training	Jenga Block Stacking Game
Lorraine Ladan	Heineken Mine Keg
Danny & Tara Remenda	Umbrella Light with Bluetooth Speaker
Ted Sheehan - Okanagan Prewire	NetGear
Gary Lawson - Andre's Electronics	Home Monitoring System
Revenue Generated from this year's event	\$1,988.09
Total Revenue in Captain's Care Club Available	\$9,349.99

We are looking for suggestions as to items we can purchase for the Clubhouse in 2019

Classified Ads

FOR SALE - Celestron Oceana 7x50 Marine Binoculars. Waterproof & fog proof. Illuminated Compass.

Asking \$150.

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Classified Ads

FOR SALE - 2011 Corsair Dash 750 24ft. Trimaran

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Events

September 2018

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Schedule of Events

- Sept 1&2 Grand Prix Regatta PYC
- Sept 7th End of Summer Party KYC
- Sept 8th VYC PIG ROAST
- Sept 8th Ribs & Blues WKYC
- Sept 14/15/16 End to End (organized by VYC, KYC & SYC)
- Sept 20th VYC LADIES NIGHT
- Sept 22nd Commodores' Ball KYC
- Sept 22nd Fish Fest SYC
- Sept 25/27/29 VYC—VHF Radio course



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Schedule of Events

- Oct 8th KYC Thanksgiving
- Oct 13th VYC Farewell to Snow-birds
- Oct 18th VYC LADIES NIGHT
- Oct 21st KYC Caesar's Freezer
- Oct 24th WKYC AGM
- Oct 27th KYC/ SYC/ WKYC - Halloween Party
- Oct 30th VYC AGM

To book Vernon Yacht Club events phone 250-545-5518 or email office@vernonyachtclub.com



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Founded June 23rd, 1953

*The Vernon Yacht Club is the
Heart*

*of Boating in the
North Okanagan.*



We're on the web!

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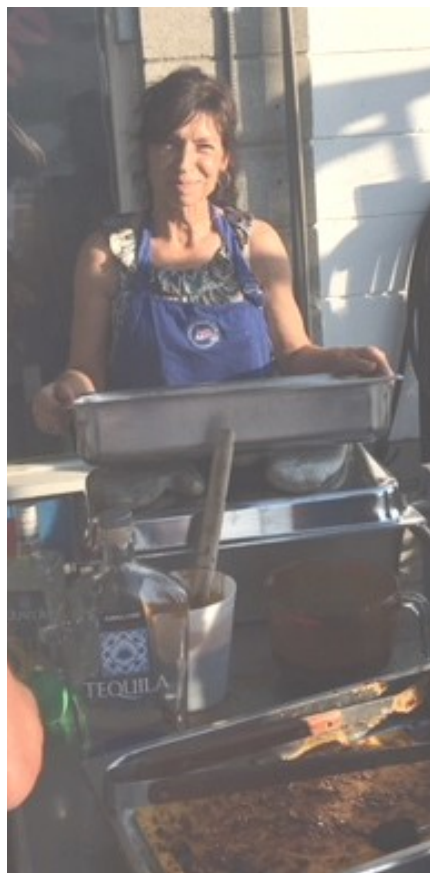


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Final Note



And the Winner is!

It could have something to do with the special ingredients in the foreground but all we know is that our incredible office manager, Deb MacPherson, is also an award-winning Rib Chef!! Congratulations for winning the 2018 VYC RIB-OFF Deb!!

Use your House Account!

Did you know your Yacht Bucks expire each year on October 31st, the day after our AGM! If you still have any of your Yacht Bucks, please use them before this date! The VYC \$250 House Account (Yacht Bucks) are renewed each year when membership dues are paid. Yes, there are some members who don't use them all up!